

The Glapton Academy

Juniper Class Newsletter

Autumn Term

Topic

Our topic this term is All About Me. Juniper and Willow will be focussing on children's self confidence and self awareness. We will be doing activities such as culture wheels, making a body from play dough and salt dough, creating a diva lamp from different materials and creating a jigsaw to show all about themselves. Children will be encouraged to become self aware and discuss themselves with each other e.g their likes and dislikes, birthdays etc.

There will be an investigation area in our classroom, a small classroom role play area and an exciting outdoor area.



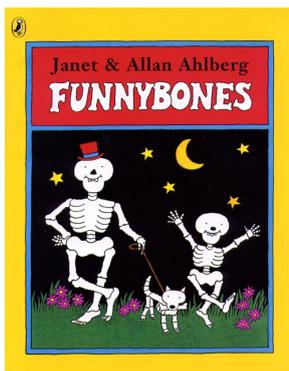
Welcome!

We are all really excited to start the new term. Please remember children should be in full school uniform. No trainers please.

Recommended Read

'Funny bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

Our topic this term is All about me so this book is great for getting children interested.



English

Reading—

Children will begin by focussing on hearing and saying the initial sounds in words. This will follow on through our phonics teaching. Opportunities for reading will be provided constantly throughout the day for the children. They will be encouraged to take part in lots of reading activities. Sound books will be sent home every week with the sounds that the children have been learning throughout the week. Please help you child by reading these with them.

Writing—

Juniper and Willow classes will begin by writing their own name. We will be focussing on how to hold our pencils correctly and writing our name in all different ways. We might write them in chalk, in the sand and in paint! There is a writing area that children can access any time they wish.



Spellings, Reading books and Homework

In Juniper and Willow reading books will be given out to your child. It is expected that children read at least **3 times a week** at home. When your child has read please put a short comment in their reading diaries to show teachers that your child has read. The reading books will be changed on Wednesdays. Spellings will start to be given out to your children when appropriate. Your child will also be given a sound book. Please practice these with your child.



P.E Kits

This term Juniper and Willow's P.E slot will be on a Monday afternoon. Children must have a white t-shirt, shorts and trainers/plimsolls in a suitable bag to keep at school.

Mathematics

In maths we will be starting to recognise numerals from 1-5. Children will be learning all about these numbers. They will be counting objects saying one number for each object and then finding the correct numeral to match to the quantity. Children will also have the opportunity through play to continue their learning. They will be looking at numbers in the sand, in the water, in the outside area and even through role play.

Juniper and Willow class will be learning all about shape, space and measure. This includes learning about the properties of 2d shapes, how to measure time, distance and money and measuring.

This term we will be starting a project called 'mini maths'. This will take place after lunch times for 10 minutes each day.



Maths Vocabulary or facts to learn

Count
Number
Order
One
Two
Three
Four
Five
Ten
Shape
Space
Measure

Dates for your diary

14th September — Homework workshop in classes at 2.45pm

21st September—Phonics workshops in classes 2.45pm

9th October—Open book afternoon 2.45pm

10th – 11th October –Parents evening.

19th October—Church visit 9.30am

Last day and return day

We look forward to working with you and your children this term.

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